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## clone

PRONUNCIATION:

∜ klōn

NOUN: 1. A cell, group of cells, or organism that are descended from and genetically identical to a single common ancestor, such as a bacterial colony whose members arose from a single original cell. 2. An organism descended asexually from a single ancestor, such as a plant produced by layering or a polyp produced by budding. 3. A DNA sequence, such as a gene, that is transferred from one organism to another and replicated by genetic engineering techniques. 4. One that copies or closely resembles another, as in appearance or function: "filled with business-school clones in gray and blue suits" (Michael M. Thomas).

VERB: Inflected forms: cloned, clon·ing, clones

TRANSITIVE 1. To make multiple identical copies of (a DNA sequence). 2. To create or propagate (an organism) from a clone cell: clone a sheep. 3. To reproduce or propagate asexually: clone a plant variety. 4. To produce a copy of; imitate closely: "The look has been cloned into

cliché" (Cathleen McGuigan).

INTRANSITIVE To grow as a clone.

VERB:

ETYMOLOGY: Greek klōn, twig.

clon'al (klō'n⊋l) —adjective

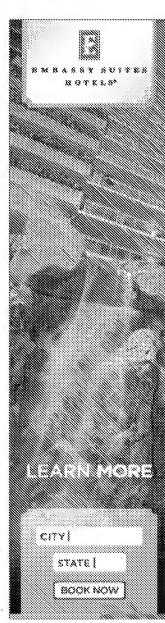
clon'al·ly —adverb

OTHER FORMS:

clon'er --- NOUN

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